(c) by when the work is likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) Sir, as on 15-5-90 number of telephone connections which have not yet been transferred to Electronic Exchange in Delhi Gate Group of exchange is 7877.

(b) and(c) These 7877 numbers are from strowger exchange code '26' which is scheduled to be replaced during December, 1990.

Deteriorating Telephone Service in Capital

1491. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that with the start of the summer the telephone service has started deteriorating in the Capital ; if so, what steps Government propose to take in the matter ; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the functioning of Fault Repair Service is most unsatisfactory; if so what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) and (b) No, Sir.

Increasing the frequency of DTC buses

1492. SHRI DAVID LEDGER: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to increase the frequency of DTC buses on route Nos. 280 and 281 running between Kendriya Terminal-Nand Nagri/Dilshad Garden consequent upon the opening of GTB Hospital and settlement of large population in GTB Enclave and Dilshad Garden colonies of DDA;

(b) whether Government propose to introduce new routes from GTB Hospital to various important areas of the city viz. Kendriya Terminal, New Delhi Railway Station, Connaught Place, etc. to mitigate the sufferings of the commuters to the Hospital ;

(c) whether Government propose to run the route No. 265 running between Kendriya Terminal - Indira Puri *Via* GTB Hospital; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) Route No. 280 and 281 are running between Kendriya Terminal and Nand Nagri with a frequency of 20/40 minutes and 24/48 minutes respectively. The present level of these services have been found adequate to meet the traffic requirements of the commuters on these routes. There is no proposal to increase the frequency.

(b) GTB Hospital is already served by route Nos. 24, 31, 239, 251, 252, 252-Shuttle, 280, 357 and 333 connecting various parts of the city. No new route has been proposed.

(c) and (d) Route No. 280 is already connecting GTB Hospital with Kendriya Terminal. Therefore, it is considered not necessary to divert the services of route No. 265 *via* GTB Hospital.

Salary to Delhi Fire Service Employees

1493. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the firemen employed

in Delhi Fire Service are not getting their salary and other allowances and benefits regularly;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to direct the concerned authorities to pay salary etc., to firemen regularly and if so, by when ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Salary for only April, 1990 payable by 7th May was paid on 8th May because of gazetted holidays on 1st, 5th & 6th May, 1990.

(c) Instructions have been reiterated to ensure timely payment.

Persons arrested and released in various agitations in Punjab

1494. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number and the names of persons arrested in Punjab in connection with various agitations during the period 1985-89;

(b) the charges levelled against each of them ;

(c) the duration of the period during which each of them was kept in jail; and

(d) the dates on which these persons were released from jail together with the reasons of their release ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY) : (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Annual charges for having extension, socket and plugs for Telephones

1495. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether subscribers have to pay annual charges for having extension, socket and plugs for their telephones;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to abolish these charges and to charge such amounts only at one time; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) Annual charges are payable for Internal and External Extensions to Telephones. In respect of Sockets and Plugs one time installation charges are payable.

(b) *Charges for Extension* :

1. Internal Extension without intercom facility . . .	Rs. 400/- per annum
2. Internal Extension with intercom facility . . .	Rs. 500/- per annum
These charges are effective from 1-12-86	
3. *External Extension* (with effect from 1-8-88)	
(i) Not exceeding one km. chargeable distance . .	Rs. 1400/- per annum
(ii) Exceeding one km. but not exceeding 5 km chargeable distance	Rs. 1400/- plus Rs. 800/- per annum for each additional km. or part thereof.
(ii) Exceeding 5 km. chargeable distance . . .	Rental as at (ii) above plus Rs. 1500/- per annum for each additional km. or part thereof.